

GOALS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Soaked into the earth
- Collected for future use
- Slowed down and spread out
- Directed to nearby waterbodies

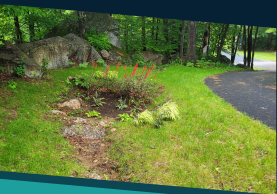
DIFFERENT WAYS WE MANGE



CATCH BASIN



CULVERT



RAIN GARDEN



GUTTER



VEGETATED
SWALE



RAIN BARREL

Discuss ways to manage rainwater and runoff with your neighbours and community!

Laws referenced

RSA 236:19 prohibits the discharge of water into a drainage structure (culvert, ditch line, etc.) or onto a public highway that "injures or renders it unsuitable for public travel." ...

RSA 236:13, VI, if any driveway connection threatens the highway due to plugged culverts, siltation, etc., the town can order the owner to repair it. If the owner doesn't, the town can do the repair and charge its costs to the owner.

Find more information and resources -
www.uvlsrpc.org/stormwater

Questions? Contact your local municipality or UVLSRPC for more information.



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RAINWATER and RUNOFF

For Residents and Small Businesses



HELP REDUCE THE THREAT A STORM POSES ON
OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

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STORMWATER BROCHURE 2024

RESIDENT TASKS

Everyone needs to play their part. It is the effort of the community that allows everyone to enjoy the roads. During a rain storm or snow melt, **PUT ON THOSE BOOTS** and go watch how water flows on your property.

Simple fixes, such as moving gravel a bit to **MAKE A CHECK DAM** can make a big difference!

LAWNS can compact and function like impervious, ask your **Conservation District** what tool you can use to break it up.

A **CULVERT** that renders a road unsuitable for travel could actually get you in legal trouble!

HIRING a contractor? Ask about stormwater & erosion control results.



DON'T HIBERNATE THIS WINTER

Be intentional with where you place your piled snow

Snow will eventually melt and become runoff. This runoff will take salt from the roads.

Salt and other deicing materials damage ecosystems and can affect drinking water. Be careful not to overuse.

DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

RAIN BARRELS AND COLLECTING RAINWATER

Install a rain barrel or a system to collect rainwater from your roof.

PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

Instead of using regular pavement for your driveway or paths, consider using permeable materials.

RAIN GARDENS

This garden has native plants and special soil that helps filter and clean the stormwater while making your yard look beautiful.

VEGETATED SWALES

These are shallow channels with plants that slow down and filter the stormwater.

MANAGING WASTE PROPERLY

Make sure you dispose of hazardous things like chemicals, oils, and pet waste correctly.

REGULAR BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Keep your gutters, downspouts, and storm drains clean and clear of debris.

WHAT IS RAINWATER and RUNOFF?

ALSO KNOWN AS STORMWATER



Water that comes from rainwater or melted snow that ultimately ends up in our surface or ground waters. How fast or slow it gets there depends in part on the landscape.

Water that does not soak into the ground becomes runoff. Higher runoff means flood-prone flows that can damage roads and homes. The more water that soaks, the more this flash is subdued.



Forests, meadows, and bushy vegetation soak more water than lawns and impervious surfaces.

The water can pick up pollutants like trash and chemicals that harm our waters, ecosystems, and public health.



Textured or curvy land slows water down giving it more time to soak and leave behind pollutants.